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House of Representatives
of Iowa
Columbia Nov 26th 1887

Thomas J. Clemons Esq.
Dear Sir

As Chairman of the Committee on Memorials of
The So. Cal. Bar Association, it will be my duty to deliver
on Wednesday evening the 7th prox an memorial
address on our late President Col James H. Ryon.
Knowing his close connection with the Calhoun
family, you are the only person living who can give
me information as to part of his early life - I know
all of his boyhood in Savannah; he afterwards
lived a while in Augusta - do you know anything
about this - at what age did he come to Pendleton - who
did he go to school to - It is said & commonly be-
lieved that Mr Calhoun assisted him pecuniarily in
going to college - I have always doubted this, from my
knowledge of the character of his mother who must at
that time have been receiving a good salary, and she
was too independent to be beholden to any one, but
still I may be mistaken - for he undoubtedly was a
beneficiary of the ^{of} The Clariosophie Society -

You will very much oblige me if you can aid me
in this matter -

Yours very respectfully
J P Hamilton -